



City of Little Rock

2020 Draft Annual Action Plan

Little Rock



Annual Update to the Consolidated Plan
2020 Program Year

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FISCAL YEAR 2020**

(January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020)

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FY 2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN/BUDGET

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
CONSOLIDATED PLAN
FUNDING SOURCES**

Entitlement Grant [includes reallocated funds]	\$2,760,734
Unprogrammed Prior Year's Income not previously reported	0
Surplus Funds	0
Return of Grant Funds	0
Total Program Income [from detail below]	\$579,778
Total Funding Sources:	\$3,340,512

2019 Program Income			
Description		Grantee	Subrecipient
1.	HOME Funds: Sale of New Construction Homes, Loan Repayments	\$579,778	\$0
Total 2019 Program Income		\$579,778	\$0

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan (the Plan) serves as the basis for annual funding allocations described in the one-year Action Plan for the federal funds for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The 2020 Annual Action Plan identifies the specific programs and activities to be undertaken with the federal funds received for the 2020 Program Year. This document is the official application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for entitlement grants.

The 2020 Annual Action Plan covers the time period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and represents the fifth year under the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This report describes the resources expected to be available in the coming program year from federal, state, local, and private sources. It includes a description of the activities that will be undertaken to meet the local priorities and objectives contained in the Consolidated Plan. It also outlines the actions to be undertaken to address needs of the underserved, remove barriers to affordable, and other strategies by the City.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Objectives and outcomes which are encompassed in the 2020 Action Plan include the following:

- 1) Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing
- 2) Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing
- 3) Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing
- 4) Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments
- 5) Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Little Rock has had past success in implementing all projects included in the plan. These projects have met all timeliness deadlines and have benefited the low/mod population of the City. For the year that ended December 31, 2019, the City of Little Rock assisted:



- Fifty-Three (53) housing units for Housing Rehabilitation
- Nineteen (19) housing units for Homeownership
- Thirteen (13) housing units for Wheelchair Ramps
- Seventy-Five (75) households for HOPWA
- Eight Thousand, One Hundred Fifteen (8,115) households for Public Services
- Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven (7,827) persons utilizing Public Facilities

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

In developing the 2020 Annual Action Plan, the City followed a detailed citizen participation plan. This included input from other City departments, residents, non-profit organizations, and other public and private entities that provide assisted housing, health services, social service housing and supportive service providers to special needs population. Opportunities for citizen input are provided throughout the planning process through the following:

- Public Hearings
- Publications and Posting

This input will provide a framework for programs and services to address housing and community development issues involving public services, public infrastructure and improvements and homeless needs.

5. Summary of public comments

The 2020 Annual Update to the Consolidated Plan will be available for review and comment during a 30-day comment period from March 9, 2020 through April 7, 2020.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

7. Summary



PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	LITTLE ROCK	
CDBG Administrator	LITTLE ROCK	Community Development Division
HOPWA Administrator	LITTLE ROCK	Community Development Division
HOME Administrator	LITTLE ROCK	Community Development Division
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Little Rock, Housing and Neighborhood Programs (HNP), Community Development Division is the lead agency and administrator in the development and oversight of the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. The City is responsible for administering Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

In developing the Plan, the City followed a detailed citizen participation plan. This included input from residents, non-profit organizations, and other public and private entities that provide assisted housing, health services, social service housing, and supportive service providers to special needs population.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The City of Little Rock recognizes that partnerships with public and private entities as well as the community are vital to the provision of effective services to the Little Rock community. These partners provide the expertise needed to develop our Plan.

During the planning process for the 2020 Annual Action Plan, the City of Little Rock consulted with the community, city departments, public and private organization in the development of the Consolidated Plan. The process includes public meetings to hear community views on housing and community development needs, as well as, comments on prior program year performance. Copies of the draft plan are made available to the general public in both print and electronic form for comments.

The City's Consolidated Planning Committee provides input on community needs, evaluates proposals for funding, and reviews progress in meeting community goals. The membership of the committee includes private citizens and representatives from the public; private and nonprofit sector that provide assisted housing; health services; social and fair housing services, including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and homeless persons; public housing, and metropolitan planning agencies.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

The City of Little Rock receives input from elected and appointed officials, city departments and numerous organizations. This includes both public and private, non-profits, and public institutions to coordinate community development and housing services. Through the Continuum of Care process, the City maintains partnership with mental health providers, homeless shelter and service providers, and other governmental agencies with specific responsibilities for homeless individuals and families. Coordination between entities includes serving on committees, boards, on-going communication, and strategic planning.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City of Little Rock is a member and lead agency for the Central Arkansas Continuum of Care (CoC) which is known as the Central Arkansas Team Care for the Homeless (CATCH). The service area consists of



four (4) counties. They are: Lonoke, Prairie, Pulaski, and Saline. CATCH was created to promote a unified planning process among homeless program providers to collaborate on housing, homelessness, and special needs population issues. There are ninety-one (91) members to date representing public agencies and non-profit organizations. They meet quarterly to ensure that essential coordination occurs and shared obstacles are identified and considered. The Board of Directors meet eight (8) times during the year.

The City serves as the lead agency and ensures a fair application process for notification of funding availability; an objective review and rank of applications; and timely submission of Super NOFA application for the Central Arkansas continuum. City staff attends membership meetings, as well as, meetings of the CATCH Board to develop strategies and identify resources available for various sub-populations to address their needs. Staff works with CATCH to coordinate the Point-In Time Count of individuals experiencing homeless each year in late January.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City of Little Rock does not receive nor administer any ESG funds. These funds come to the area through the State of Arkansas. Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) is the state grantee of ESG funds.

Members of the Continuum of Care, along with representatives of the three (3) entitlement cities in Pulaski County, attend and provide input at DHS workshops and public hearings on homelessness strategies and the annual plan for allocation of ESG funds. Funding decisions by DHS take into account the Continuum's operations and priorities, with an emphasis on how to realize the best value for the investment. The CoC and ESG grantees coordinate to improve data collection, as well as, the training and implementation of its Coordinated Entry System.

Members of the Continuum of Care work with the local HUD and DHS offices to attend and participate in agency monitoring visits. The Continuum evaluates the Annual Progress Reports from funded agencies and report on the accomplishments, annual goals, and anticipated outcomes based on agency performance. The City of Little Rock, which serves as the Collaborative Applicant for the Central Arkansas Continuum, applied for and was awarded a Planning Grant that supports a staff position that shares in the performance and evaluation activities.

The COC Governance Charter outlines responsibilities for overseeing a continuum-wide Homeless Management Information System.



2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization Type	ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
		Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency participated in the public meeting and provided input for annual goals and priorities.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health Health Agency Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	HOPWA Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency participated in the public meeting and provided input for annual goals and priorities. Staff attends HPG to strategize ways to improve the quality of life for those affected by HIV/AIDS.



3	Agency/Group/Organization	ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staff attended the Annual Fair Housing Conference and received valuable training.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	BETTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization met with staff on housing opportunities for CHDOs and provided input for annual goals and priorities.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	CENTRAL ARKANSAS AREA AGENCY ON AGING (CARELINK) MEALS ON WHEELS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization participated in the public meeting and provided input for annual goals and priorities.



6	Agency/Group/Organization	LITTLE ROCK HOUSING AUTHORITY AR
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the public meeting and provided input on public housing needs section.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	LITTLE ROCK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-homeless City Departments Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Other City departments provided input for annual goals and priorities.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	UNIVERSITY DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization met with staff on housing opportunities for CHDOs and provided input for annual goals and priorities.



9	Agency/Group/Organization	MAINSTREAM INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the public meeting and provided input on annual goals and objectives.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization met with staff on housing opportunities for CHDOs and provided input for annual goals and priorities.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	CHI ST VINCENT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the public meeting and provided input on annual goals and objectives.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization provided staff with information regarding their economic development program.



13	Agency/Group/Organization	ARKANSAS REGIONAL COMMISSION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS HOPWA Strategy
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization provided input on annual goals and objectives.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	PULASKI COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS HOPWA Strategy
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization provided input on annual goals and objectives.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The City contacted many organizations through various outreach techniques including meetings, e-mails, and phone calls to solicit input and participation in the planning process. The City believes that all critical agency types were consulted during the participation and consultation process and did not intentionally fail to consult with any particular agency.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Central Arkansas Team Care for the Homeless	The goals of CATCH, the City's Consolidated Plan, and Annual Action Plan are consistent with each other. This collaboration is maintained through efforts of the agencies and ongoing review of local agency's funding request.
State of Arkansas Consolidated Plan	Arkansas Economic Development Commission	The goals of the State of Arkansas and the City's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are consistent with each other.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts
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AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Mail out	Non-targeted/ broad community	Three (3) mail outs of over (300) notices to residents about the public hearings on October 22, 2019 and February 18, 2020 and four (4) public meetings from November 4, 2019 thru November 21, 2019.			
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	Four (4) Legal Notices for the public hearings, and public meetings.			

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	On October 22, 2019 a public hearing was conducted to report 2018 accomplishments, inform about the Consolidated Plan process, and to receive input.			
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	On November 4, 2019 - November 21, 2019 staff conducted four (4) public meetings around the City.			
5	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	On February 18, 2020 a public hearing conducted at the City's Board meeting to recommend the projected uses of funding.			

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6	Library and Neighborhood Resource Centers	Non-targeted/ broad community	2020 Annual Update to the Consolidated Plan will be made available for review and comment during a 30-day comment period from March 9, 2020 through April 7, 2020.			
7	MetroPlan & State Clearing-house (DFA)	Non-targeted/ broad community	2020 Annual Update to the Consolidated Plan will be made available for review and comment during a 30-day comment period from March 9, 2020 through April 7, 2020.			
8	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ broad community	Public Hearings, Public Meetings, and draft plan are advertised on the City of Little Rock website.			

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach



Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The City of Little Rock has developed a Consolidated Plan that serves as a document to assess the City's needs and strategies for addressing needs over a five (5) year period beginning in 2016, as well as providing information on proposed activities to be funded during the 2020 program year. The "One Year Action Plan" outlines the City's plan for expending available funds.

As an entitlement city, and participating jurisdiction, Little Rock expects to receive the following from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,494,303	0	6,539	1,500,842	0	Community development activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, housing assistance counseling, economic development, code enforcement, youth, infrastructure, and improved community facilities and services.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	701,816	579,778	0	1,281,594	0	Expand the supply of decent and affordable rental and ownership housing for low and very-low income residents.
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	558,076	0	0	558,076	0	Provides housing assistance supportive services for low-income people with HIV/AIDS and their families

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City will use a combination of public and private funding to carry out affordable housing activities during the period covered by this Plan. All applications for funding may require an equity investment in the projects by the applicant, and most projects may also require funding from local financial institutions.

The City has been awarded Special Needs Assistance Program funding (SNAP) from Federal Home Loan Bank through ARVEST Bank. These funds will be leveraged with CDBG funds to assist homeowners with roof replacements.

In the development of affordable housing by non-profit organizations, such as Community Development Corporations (CDC) and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), the funds received from City may be considered gap financing. They may have to apply for additional funds to complete their projects. Other sources of funding have been provided by Federal Home Loan Bank, Arkansas Development Finance Authority, area banks, and private donations.

The City has in the past and may continue to make available funding from its Affordable HOME Program for use in construction of affordable homes for sale to low-income persons and families. All program income, resulting from the sale of the homes, is utilized for further affordable housing development. When leveraged with other existing funds, this resource is a valuable component of the City's plan to provide an increased supply of quality affordable housing.

Match fund requirements for the HOME Program will be provided by land, private financing, and non-cash contributions from special needs projects funded in-part by the City in an amount equal to 25% of the 2020 HOME allocation less administration. The total non-cash contribution is a result of the direct costs of social/professional services provided to residents of HOME-assisted units. The total matching contribution from land, private financing, and special needs projects currently available is \$2,552,389.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The mission of the Land Bank Commission is to reverse blight, increase home ownership and stability of property values, provide affordable housing, improve the health and safety of neighborhoods within the City of Little Rock, and maintain the architectural fabric of the community through study, acquisition, and disposition of vacant, abandoned, tax delinquent, and City lien properties while collaborating with citizens, neighborhoods, developers, non-profit organizations and other governmental agencies. In 2012, CDBG funds in the amount of \$133,170 were awarded to the Land Bank Commission to facilitate the redevelopment of the properties.



The City owns several facilities that are used to address the needs identified in the plan. They are the Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center, Martin Luther King Legacy Center, Nathaniel W. Hill Community Complex, Ottenheimer Community and Therapeutic Center, and Jericho Way Day Resource Center.

The Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center and Martin Luther King Legacy Center are located in a low/mod area and provide a variety of public service activities to low-income residents. Health care services through CHI St. Vincent Health System are provided at the Nathaniel W. Hill Community Complex. The clinic is a long-standing beneficiary of CDBG funding to provide health and dental services for low-income individuals and families.

The Ottenheimer Community and Therapeutic Center under the City's Park and Recreation Division was completed in 2012 with CDBG funding. The new building includes spaces for recreation as well as computer and cooking use by the community. It is also the home for the City's Therapeutic Recreation Division for people with disabilities.

The Jericho Way Day Resource Center, with the assistance of CDBG funding, opened in June 2013 to meet the needs of the homeless and working poor population. Over 124,000 clients have visited the Center since its inception. The Center works to identify and provide services for those in need with an ultimate goal of transitioning individuals out of homelessness. The Center provides food, clothing, showers, laundry services, health services, and transportation. Clients also can access individual case management, computers and internet, mail services, housing referrals, job counseling and a place to retreat from the elements.

The City has over sixty (60) parks and recreational areas, along with walking and bicycling trails. The community and recreation centers are strategically located around the city. The mission of the centers is to provide the citizens and visitors of Little Rock accessible recreational program opportunities, experiences and activities which promote active living, health and wellness, socialization, self-esteem, growth and achievement.

Discussion

The City has allocated approximately \$3.3 million from the CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA programs for the FY 2020 program year. These funds will be used to operate a range of private and public services as described later in the Annual Action Plan.



Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	DH 1.1 Rehab of owner-occupied housing (CDBG)	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	CDBG: \$946,981	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 65 Household Housing Unit
2	SL 1.4 Other Special Needs (CDBG)	2017	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CITY-WIDE	Youth Services	CDBG: \$20,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Persons Assisted
3	SL 1.2 Senior Services/Meals on Wheels	2016	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CITY-WIDE	Meals/Food Pantry/Meals on Wheels	CDBG: \$60,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 150 Households Assisted
4	SL 1.1 Health and Dental Services (CDBG)	2016	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CITY-WIDE	Health Services/Substance Abuse	CDBG: \$175,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7500 Households Assisted
5	DH 2.4 New Construction of owner-occupied Housing	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Housing Development	CDBG: \$521,800	Homeowner Housing Added: 4 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	DH 1.2 Substantial/moderate rehabilitation (HOME)	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	HOME: \$526,362	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit
7	DH 2.1 New Construction of owner/rental housing	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Housing Development	HOME: \$105,272	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 1 Households Assisted
8	DH 2.5 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	CITY-WIDE	Housing Assistance	HOPWA: \$558,076	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 70 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary



Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	DH 1.1 Rehab of owner-occupied housing (CDBG)
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	SL 1.4 Other Special Needs (CDBG)
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	SL 1.2 Senior Services/Meals on Wheels
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	SL 1.1 Health and Dental Services (CDBG)
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	DH 2.4 New Construction of owner-occupied Housing
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	DH 1.2 Substantial/moderate rehabilitation (HOME)
	Goal Description	
7	Goal Name	DH 2.1 New Construction of owner/rental housing
	Goal Description	
8	Goal Name	DH 2.5 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS
	Goal Description	



Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Below is a listing of the projects selected for 2020 Annual Action Plan, based on the priorities in 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, public input, and available funding.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (CDBG)
3	World Changers
4	LRPD-Youth Camp
5	Carelink/Meals on Wheels
6	CHI St. Vincent Health System-East (NWH Complex)
7	New Construction of Homes
8	Substantial/moderate Rehabilitation (HOME)
9	CHDO Activities
10	2020-2023 Project Sponsor 1 ARH20F001
11	2020-2023 Project Sponsor 2 ARH20F001
12	2020-2023 City of Little Rock ARH20F001 (CLR)

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Priorities for allocation of funds were determined during the consolidated planning process and the 2020 Action Plan reflects the identified priorities. For this year, funds will be used for affordable housing (63%), public services activities (8%), HOPWA assistance (16%), and administration (13%).

The City continues to strive to serve those citizens most in need of assistance. The following are obstacles to meeting the needs of the underserved: lack of resources, lack of service or housing availability, and lack of knowledge about our programs. Staff will work to leverage its resources with other agencies, create and make available housing and service opportunities, and advertise available services to the community.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$298,861 HOME: \$128,159
	Description	Administration and planning of the HUD Grant Programs, includes \$57,978 of HOME program income.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administration costs, no direct benefit.
	Location Description	500 W. Markham, Suite 120W, Little Rock, AR
	Planned Activities	Administration and planning of the HUD Grant Programs.
2	Project Name	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (CDBG)
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	DH 1.1 Rehab of owner-occupied housing (CDBG)
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Emergency Home Repairs
	Funding	CDBG: \$896,981
	Description	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Emergency Home Repairs
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Fifty (50) very-low and low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Various locations to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Housing Rehabilitation

3	Project Name	World Changers
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	DH 1.1 Rehab of owner-occupied housing (CDBG)
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Provision of owner-Occupied housing rehabilitation to very-low and low-income households.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Fifteen (15) very-low and low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Various locations to be determined.
	Planned Activities	World Changers, a faith-based organization, provides the labor to paint the exterior of houses for very-low income, elderly residents. Materials are provided by the City.
4	Project Name	LRPD-Youth Camp
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	SL 1.4 Other Special Needs (CDBG)
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Camp for youth ages 10-12 that promotes positive self-esteem, leadership skills, and critical thinking skills.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Fifty (50) low-income and at-risk youth will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The camp is designed to reward youth ages 10-12 for their good behavior, while establishing positive relationships between the youth and law enforcement.

5	Project Name	Carelink/Meals on Wheels
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	SL 1.2 Senior Services/Meals on Wheels
	Needs Addressed	Meals/Food Pantry/Meals on Wheels
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	Home delivered meals to Senior Citizens.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One Hundred fifty (150) elderly low income individuals will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Central Arkansas Area Agency on Aging (dba Care Link) provides hot and frozen home-delivered meals for homebound older people who are unable to shop or prepare their own meals.
6	Planned Activities	Home delivered meals to Senior Citizens.
	Project Name	CHI St. Vincent Health System-East (NWH Complex)
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	SL 1.1 Health and Dental Services (CDBG)
	Needs Addressed	Health Services/Substance Abuse
	Funding	CDBG: \$175,000
	Description	Provision of health and dental services to low-income clients.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Seventy-thousand (7,500) low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	2500 E. 6th Street, Little Rock, AR 72202
	Planned Activities	Health and dental services are provided at Nathaniel W. Hill Complex by CHI St. Vincent Health System.

7	Project Name	New Construction of Homes
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	DH 2.4 New Construction of owner-occupied Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$521,800
	Description	New construction of homes with 2019 program income funds.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Four (4) low to moderate-income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Various locations to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Housing Development
8	Project Name	Substantial/moderate Rehabilitation (HOME)
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	DH 1.2 Substantial/moderate rehabilitation (HOME)
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
	Funding	HOME: \$526,362
	Description	Provision of housing rehabilitation to very-low and low-income households.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Fifteen (15) very-low and low income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Various locations to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Housing Rehabilitation

9	Project Name	CHDO Activities
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	DH 2.1 New Construction of owner/rental housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development
	Funding	HOME: \$105,272
	Description	Reserved allocation of HOME funds for use by Community Housing Development Organization (CHDOs) for production of affordable housing.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Three (3) low to moderate-income families will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Various locations to be determined.
	Planned Activities	Housing Development
10	Project Name	2020-2023 Project Sponsor 1 ARH20F001
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	DH 2.5 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Emergency Housing Assistance
	Funding	:
	Description	Provide housing assistance and appropriate services to enable low-income HIV positive individuals to remain in their homes and reduce their risk of homelessness
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	City will contract with organizations to provide housing services for HIV positive individuals

11	Project Name	2020-2023 Project Sponsor 2 ARH20F001
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	DH 2.5 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Emergency Housing Assistance
	Funding	:
	Description	Provide housing assistance and appropriate services to enable low-income HIV positive individuals to remain in their homes and reduce their risk of homelessness
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	City will contract with organizations to provide housing services for HIV positive individuals
12	Project Name	2020-2023 City of Little Rock ARH20F001 (CLR)
	Target Area	CITY-WIDE
	Goals Supported	DH 2.5 Housing Assistance for Person with AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	HOPWA: \$16,742
	Description	Grantee Administration
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administrative costs, no direct benefit
	Location Description	500 W. Markham, Suite 120W, Little Rock, AR
	Planned Activities	Administration and planning of the HUD Grant Programs.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The geographic distribution of activities and funding to accomplish the identified objectives will be on a city-wide basis, however, the City plans to target certain programs in the City's opportunity zones and areas with high minority and low-income concentrations in an effort to trigger reinvestment and spur new development. The City plans to offer increased assistance in these target areas. Programs that will offer the increased assistance include Leveraged Loans, the Save-A-Home (Acq/Rehab), Homebuyer Assistance and Affordable Home Programs and CDC/CHDO sponsored projects. Activities of CDC's and CHDO's will also focus on their respective neighborhood target areas. The geographic location of other housing activities undertaken will be in areas intended to further housing choice and deter minority and low-income concentrations.

The City's 2020 public service activities will be located citywide. Provision of health clinic services will be provided through CHI St. Vincent Health System at the Nathaniel W. Hill Complex. Other public service activities include the Meals for the Elderly Program provided through CareLink. This program provides meals for elderly, low-income persons citywide.

All programs and services funded through the CDBG and HOME Programs will be citywide unless otherwise noted in this plan.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CDBG	
CITY-WIDE	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

For program year 2020, the City will fund projects with a city-wide scope. CDBG area benefit projects are not being funded in this program year.

Discussion

In the development of the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan, it was determined that the use of HUD grant funding would still be best utilized city-wide.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The following tables estimate the annual goals for affordable housing for the next year.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	157
Special-Needs	0
Total	155

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	70
The Production of New Units	7
Rehab of Existing Units	80
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	157

Table 10- One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City employs a variety of approaches to maintaining, creating, and improving the quality of affordable housing. Housing is still the top priority in the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan. The City plans to address affordable housing needs with CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA funds by administering the following programs to preserve and increase affordable housing:

- Emergency Assistance
- Limited Home Repairs
- World Changers
- CHDO Project
- New Construction
- Elderly Housing Rehab
- Leveraged Loans
- Downpayment Assistance
- HOPWA - TBRA and STRMU Assistance



AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Little Rock Housing Authority D/B/A Metropolitan Housing Alliance “MHA” has been in the community assisting Arkansans for nearly 80 years. Chartered in 1937 as a Public Housing Authority (PHA), MHA is Arkansas’ largest PHA. MHA remains committed towards its mission of providing safe and affordable housing for the entire Little Rock community. MHA has expanded its model to provide a broader spectrum of housing opportunities from rental to homeownership and specialized services for Veterans. In an effort to assist all residents, MHA will explore to incorporate a vision to aid partnerships with re-entry housing for residents in need. Recognizing the vastness of the housing needs, MHA partners with multiple stakeholders, whether private or public, to address the housing needs of Little Rock. The Authority administers about 2,913 vouchers with a growing waiting list. MHA has a current portfolio of about 328 public housing units.

Central Arkansas Housing Corporation (“CAHC”) is an affiliate of MHA and is wholly-owned and managed by the Authority. MHA created CAHC in 2006 to participate with governmental entities and private organizations in local, state and federal programs to further the purposes of CAHC and MHA. CAHC has actively allowed MHA to participate in numerous partnership expanding the capacity of the Authority. With the expansion of the CAHC Board of Commissioners to five members in 2019, MHA anticipates engaging in similar joint ventures going forward as a means to creatively approach the goals of safe and affordable housing while further nurturing the sustainability of the Authority as a major economic and community revitalization tool.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

Within the next few years, MHA is focused on completing the second and third phases of HUD’s Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (“RAD”) to rehabilitate the remaining portion of its existing housing stock including the traditional public housing and mixed-finance locations. The program has proven to successfully enhance MHA’s ability to access the capital market to raise the necessary funds for its capital improvements. With the assistance and guidance of its Board of Commissioners, development partners, Arkansas Development Finance Authority (“ADFA”), national tax credit equity investors, and other resources, MHA has closed the initial raise of \$70 million to complete the rehabilitation of approximately 600 units at the Towers as of December, 2019. MHA anticipates closing on another tranche of approximately \$70 million to close on the third phase of its RAD program, impacting roughly 400 units. CAHC looks forward to the improvements of its new portfolio which will expand the useful life of the sites giving residents access to affordable housing guaranteed for the next 25 years.

As a partner in this new venture, MHA will provide resident assistance made available through the Family Self Sufficient “FSS” portion of the Housing Choice Voucher “HCV” program.



With the Towers RAD closing completed on the majority of traditional public housing units, we will redirect RAD closing efforts to Sunset Terrace which is a part of an approved HUD Choice Neighborhood Planning area. After obtaining partnerships within the community, the redevelopment of Sunset Terrace is determined to be a realistic goal, so MHA will move forward with this project under the RAD program. MHA will continue to evaluating other initiatives and partnerships that will create capital funds in an effort to lend itself as a catalyst to provide additional affordable housing while serving a broader community revitalization. MHA desires to be an integral part of comprehensive strategies for community development and will continue to evaluate Choice Neighborhood Implementation grant and other funding sources to achieve that goal.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

In July 2018, MHA hosted a resident's election educational outreach to help residents in understanding the importance of having their voices heard. During this process we provided encouragement and instructions for all residents to seek election as a Resident Council officer, elected by the residents of their community. On Election Day August 8, 2018, enough votes were collected to incorporate a full council with one representative from each site location.

We encourage the residents to meet monthly and to work closely with the site managers and service coordinator, in order to provide input regarding their vision as to the services that will assist them with improving their quality of life and creating greater self-sufficient. By integrating the various partnerships and adding a calendar of events through the ConnectHome initiative, we attempt to advance resident awareness opportunities, digital literacy and prepare them for additional approaches to self-sufficiency.

Our residents have been very involved in the planning process for our RAD and Choice Neighborhood initiatives. The residents provided direct input in the process by expressing their needs and desired improvements. Elements of these discussions were incorporated into the designs for the site improvements.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Currently MHA is not in trouble status.

Discussion

On-going efforts to define MHA leaderships will afford the agency a new approach with the City of Little Rock Mayor, City Manager and staff members to continually support and engage the opportunity of partnerships while sharing a consensus that has developed into strengthening the improvements of



housing throughout the city of Little Rock.

As MHA continues to develop its Redevelopment in the Rock Strategy, it will afford the agency new opportunities to expand its partnerships with the City of Little Rock while focused on the goal of expanding housing and economic development throughout Little Rock. With additional partners and relationships throughout the industry; including crossing over to the health and wellness resources, and neighborhood industries, together with the expansion of additional resources that include; HUD grants, private and state funding alongside partnerships and in-kind, MHA will continue the commitment to maintain adequate resources of modern day affordable housing to low income residents within the Little Rock community and throughout the state of Arkansas.



AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The City works with CATCH and Interagency Council on Homeless to address priorities and funding needs of residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The City serves as lead agency for COC.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City will continue to support organizations that assess the needs of the homeless to create a more robust social service system to address unmet needs. The City will continue participating in the annual Point-In-Time Homeless Count.

The Jericho Way Day Resource Center opened in 2013, as a joint venture between the City of Little Rock and the City of North Little Rock. DePaul USA administers the center's daily operations. The center is open, Monday thru Friday and offers a wide range of services including: case management; food; restrooms and shower services; retreat from the elements; transportation; housing referrals; job counseling and training; access to phone, computer and internet; identity document replacement; health care; laundry service, and mail services.

DePaul USA will continue their "13 Houses Campaign" by purchasing or developing homes for people transitioning out of homelessness or helping those who are on the verge of becoming homeless.

Our House with the assistance of ARcare provides weekly telehealth clinics that connects clients with doctors through telemedicine. Each week, an ARcare nurse comes to Our House to take patient's vital and through computer screen electronically reports to a nurse practitioner at another site.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Funds from a previous program year were allocated for a homeless activity project. This project increases the availability and affordability of decent housing and supportive services offered to homeless families and individuals.

CATCH along with its partners continue to make strides in addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families



with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The Housing First Program Model continues as one of the activities that the Central Arkansas Continuum provide to address homelessness. The program helps chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and their families to move out of homelessness and into permanent housing. The clients are then assisted with wrap around services to maintain housing.

Our House, a non-profit organization, main focus is helping the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. Their career center focus on education, employment & training, financial empowerment, and health & wellness. Clients can receive assistance to increase their education and financial literacy skills, access employment and training, and health services.

Our House, homelessness prevention program known as Central Arkansas Family Stability Institute (CAFSI), provides intensive case management, supportive services, and limited assistance funds. This is the eighth year of the program and it is made possible through partnership with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the generous support of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Heart of Arkansas United Way, Siemer Institute for Family Stability, and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The program continues to have a high success rate.

St. Francis House's Veterans Program provides transitional housing for homeless Veterans having difficulties re-entering society. Veterans can also access their Supportive Services for Veterans Families Program. Both programs are funded by the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

The City has partnered with the Institute of Global Homelessness as a part of an initiative that strives to end street homelessness by 2030. The City's initial goal was to reduce street homelessness by 25% in Ward 1 by 2020. The goal has expanded to include Ward 2 and Ward 3. Now, Little Rock is 1 of 13 "vanguard cities" and the second city in the United States to partner with the Institute.

The City and Canvas Community Church (Canvas) will continue the pilot program, "A Bridge to Work", providing homeless persons with paid work opportunities by picking up debris within designated areas of the city. The program will operate 3 days per week between the hours of 9am-2pm during January 1, 2020 – September 26, 2020. The participants are paid daily.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded



institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Metropolitan Housing Alliance (MHA) and Conway Housing Authority were awarded HUD's Mainstream Housing Choice Vouchers to assist non-elderly persons with disabilities that are transitioning out of institutionals, at risk of institutionalization, or at risk or experiencing homelessness.

The City of Little Rock Housing and Neighborhood Programs Department, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Central Arkansas Continuum of Care, applied for and received a sixth Continuum of Care Planning Grant. The Planning Grant's objective is to increase the continuum of care's ability to function as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Staff's key objective is to provide assistance, coordination and staff support between CATCH and other stakeholders in the design of a cohesive network of quality services to homeless populations in central Arkansas. The main focus this year will continue to be outreach, education and CoC Program Compliance.

The City's Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program helps prevent homelessness by allowing homeowners who are low-income persons to receive assistance to remain in their homes once renovated. CDBG and HOME Program funds will be utilized to implement this program.

CATCH has several discharge policies to coordinate community-wide assistance to address youth aging out of foster care, persons exiting health care and mental health institutions, and persons discharged from correctional institutions.

Discussion

Prevention of homelessness will continue to be a priority of and to be addressed through the City of Little Rock's efforts and those of other nonprofit organizations and local agencies. These programs exist to further homeless prevention efforts and offer emergency shelter and transitional housing needs so that homeless individuals and families may begin to stabilize within the community.



AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (I)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	70
Tenant-based rental assistance	70
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	140



AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

There are no known barriers to affordable housing resulting from public policies of the City of Little Rock.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

None

Discussion:

The City will continue its Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program which helps homeowners with needed repairs in order to maintain their homes. With the City's assistance their private resources can be used to take care of other living expenses.

The City will continue to increase the supply of affordable housing by funding acquisition/rehabilitation and new construction of homeowner housing.

The City will provide homebuyer assistance to assist low- and moderate-income families to become homeowners.

The City will fully affirmatively market any HOME-assisted housing and encourage and utilize minority and women-owned businesses possible. The Equal Housing Opportunity logotype or slogan will be used in all press releases, informational materials, and advertisements.

The City will continue to ensure compliance with Section 3 and Davis Bacon requirements and provide appropriate training and technical assistance to funding applicants, recipients, and program administrative staff.

The City will continue to work with local financial institutions, developers, and non-profit organizations to expand the stock of affordable housing. The City will continue its efforts to eliminate homelessness through the efforts of the Interagency Council on Homelessness, Central Arkansas Continuum (CATCH), and Institute of Global Homelessness.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The following describes the planned actions or strategies that the City of Little Rock will pursue in the next year to:

- Address underserved needs
- Foster and maintain affordable housing
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards
- Reduce the number of poverty-level families
- Develop institutional structure
- Enhance coordination

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

One of the primary obstacles to meeting the needs of the underserved is still the lack of program and personal resources. This year the City will receive an increase in all three federal programs, three (3%) for CDBG and thirteen (13%) percent for HOME and HOPWA. The level of funding is still not at the level of 2010. The City will continue to work to use limited financial resources in the most effective and efficient manner possible and to collaborate with other agencies and programs to address the community's needs.

The City will continue to develop translated materials to reach non-English speaking residents regarding code enforcement and general programming. The City will continue to hold public meetings and hearings in low-income neighborhoods.

Another obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the lack of service or housing availability. The City will continue public service activities that assist the underserved, including health and dental services and senior services. CATCH will continue to provide short-term rental assistance to homeless families and individuals utilizing the new Emergency Solutions Grant Rapid Re-housing funds. The City will also continue to provide HOME subsidy on HOME properties for sale to assist families.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City plans to continue implementation of its rehabilitation programs that will increase and improve the supply of affordable housing. The programs provide eligible homeowners with zero interest loans to have repairs done to their property. HOME funds will be allocated to Community Housing Development Organization for acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or construction of affordable homes. Home funds will also be used to provide subsidies in the form of closing cost and down payment assistance.



The City will continue to support the programs, initiatives, and efforts of Metropolitan Housing Alliance in their goal to provide decent affordable housing to low income residents.

The Code Enforcement Officers investigate violations of the Little Rock Minimum Housing Code. Examples of these violations include property owners who fail to maintain their residences or accessory buildings, allowing them to fall into a state of disrepair or structures that have sustained fire damage.

Another component of Code Enforcement is the Systematic Rental Property Inspection Program. This program provides for a biannual inspection of all rental properties located in the City of Little Rock. The purpose of this inspection is to ensure that all rental units are maintained in a safe condition to meet Minimum Housing Code Standards. The Rental Inspection Program also provides an avenue for rental property owners to require tenants who damage their property to make repairs or provide financial compensation to cover the cost of repairs.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City has a policy, which requires lead-based paint testing to be conducted on all rehabilitated projects funded by the City. Safeguards are in place to ensure that all new construction funded by the City is free of lead-based paint hazards. Pertinent Community Development staff have attended training for Lead-Based Paint Inspector, Risk Assessor, Safe Work Practices, and Lead-Based Paint Supervisory. The City has sponsored training for abatement workers of lead-based paint abatement companies, provides training to its contractors on safe work practices and Lead-Based Paint Supervisory training.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The activities funded through the City's CDBG and HOME programs are ultimately directed at reducing the number of people living in poverty in Little Rock. The City's collaboration with nonprofit partners on housing and supportive services assists in community-wide actions to raise families out of poverty. The City's affordable housing programs reduce housing costs for its beneficiaries, preserving a household's limited resources for other pressing expenditures. The City will continue to engage in activities that create jobs available to low-income residents and monitor contractors ensuring they comply with Section 3 guidelines that provide job training.

The City's Homeownership Assistance program aid potential homebuyers to help increase a household's assets.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City continuously works to increase the cooperation among departments and other entities to improve and streamline the delivery of housing services to Little Rock citizens. Several of the City's departments and the Metropolitan Housing Alliance (Little Rock Housing Authority), work together to



coordinate various housing activities and programs to serve the Little Rock community.

The City continues to make resources and technical assistance available to further activities planned by local CDCs and CHDOs. This component of the City's action plan is intended to empower local residents and organizations to perform needs assessments, devise workable solutions to neighborhood problems and to implement the planned programs.

The City will continue to participate in the Interagency Council on Homeless to assist people experiencing homelessness, promote better coordination among agency programs, and inform state and local governments and public and private sector organization about the availability of federal homeless assistance.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City will continue participation in Central Arkansas Continuum of Care (CoC) by assisting with the Point In Time Count, serving on committees, and serving as the lead agency. As the collaborative applicant for the CoC, the City has been awarded a HUD funded Planning Project to assist the CoC in meeting increasing requirements. The City will also participate in the Interagency Council on Homeless. City staff provides assistance and information to other agencies and the general public.

Discussion:

The City of Little Rock engages in collaboration with many local community partners including private housing providers, social service agencies, and others; and continues outreach efforts to seek additional involvement from other entities on community development issues.



Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	90.00%

**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)**

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City of Little Rock does not use other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section 92.205.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The City uses recapture provision for all homebuyer activities including when assistance is provided for homebuyer units developed or rehabilitated by CHDOs. The HOME subsidy will be forgiven in equal monthly installments during the Affordability Period. The timeframe for the Affordability Period is as follows:

- Under \$15,000 -- 5 years (60 months)
 - \$15,000-\$40,000--10 years (120 months) During the Affordability Period the homebuyer is responsible for satisfying all HOME Program regulation requirements such as principal residence and payment of all taxes and insurance. If they do not abide by the terms and conditions of the HOME Program, recapture or foreclosure proceedings may be initiated. In the event the homebuyer sales the house within the Affordability Period, the City will recapture the amount of the HOME funds unforgiven or recapture the maximum net proceed from the sale of the property. Net proceeds will be used to reimburse the HOME Program for the outstanding balance of HOME funds and/or for administration cost associated with the recapture action. If the net proceeds are less than the outstanding balance of HOME funds invested in the property the loss will be absorbed by the HOME Program and all HOME Program requirements would be considered to have been satisfied. If the net proceeds recaptured are greater than the outstanding balance of HOME funds invested, the balance of net proceeds would be distributed to the homeowner or their estate.
3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The period of affordability is based upon the direct HOME subsidy to the homebuyer as described in the previous section. The period is stated in the loan and program documents which include the Promissory Note, Mortgage, Mortgage Subsidy Agreement, and the Notice to Homebuyer. All four of these documents are signed by the homebuyer to ensure compliance during the affordability period.



4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City does not anticipate using HOME funds to refinance existing debt for HOME funded activities.